

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PERMIT APPLICATION:** NRS #04.310

**APPLICANT:** State of Tennessee  
Department of Transportation  
Environmental Planning and Permits Division  
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Nashville, TN 37243-0334  
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**LOCATION:** SR-13 bridges and approaches over Stewarts Branch and Hurricane Creek  
Humphreys County

**WATERSHED DESCRIPTION:** The Stewarts Branch and Hurricane Creek watersheds consist of numerous headwater tributaries and wetlands in a large drainage area collecting in a narrow valley. Land use is predominantly rural agricultural and forests. Stewarts Branch is a silt/sand/gravel bottomed tributary to Hurricane Creek and varies in width approximately 25 – 30 feet with 4 – 6 foot banks. The existing vegetation along the stream channel consists of mature sycamore, American elm, box elder, and cedar. Hurricane Creek is a large stream ~75 feet in width with similar riparian and streambed as Stewarts Branch.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to reconstruct the bridges and approaches over Stewart Branch and Hurricane Creek for 0.606 mi. of SR-13. This would involve minor permanent impacts to wetlands.

**Station 53+20+/- (Lt.) to Sta. 53+40+/- (Rt.):** Wetlands. Permanent impact (filling) of 0.011 acre and temporary impact to 0.016 acre of wetlands. Other aspects of this project are covered under the General Permit for Road Crossings.

The applicant proposes to mitigate wetland impacts by debiting, at a 2:1 ratio, 0.02 acre of available wetland credit from the Harpeth Valley Wetland Mitigation Bank. Standard erosion control devices would be used to prevent sediment from entering flowing water. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized.

**PERMIT COORDINATOR:** Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534

**USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE:** Hurricane Mills, TN (31-NE).

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to

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submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.

